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Dear Mr. Craven:

This letter is the initial agency decision to your June 30, 2019, request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, submitted to the VA Central Office (VACO) FOIA Office for a copy of *"all contract details- including copies of draft and final contracts and email communication between agency and private sector stakeholder-between VA's Strategic Acquisition Center and Joseph Swerdzewshi and Associate, LLC between Jan 20, 2017 to June 30, 2019. Contract VA26117P2760 and VA26117P1088."*

As indicated in their July 2, 2019 email, the VACO FOIA Office referred your request to us at the VA Palo Alto Health Care System (VAPAHCS) FOIA Office for further processing and direct response to you. Your FOIA request was received in my office on July 8, 2019 and was assigned the tracking number at the top of this letter. Please include this tracking number in all future communications concerning this FOIA request. In addition, we have placed your request in the complex processing category.

We conducted a search for records responsive to your FOIA request that were gathered or created by VAPAHCS on or before June 30, 2019.

The Network 21 Contracting Office (NCO) conducted a search for documents responsive to your request. At the conclusion of the search, four (4) documents, totaling twenty-nine (29) pages, were determined to be responsive to your request.

We have enclosed a copy of the requested records. However, all privileged or confidential trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person has been withheld under FOIA Exemption 4, [5 U.S.C. § 552 (b) (4)], such as the unit prices and amount cost on page 5, 6, 17, and 18. Enclosed are twenty-nine (29) pages

of documents responsive to your request, which four (4) pages are redacted, and twenty-five (25) pages are disclosed in its entirety.

If you disagree with my determination to withhold the information under FOIA Exemption 4, please be advised you may appeal to:

Office of the General Counsel (024)  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20420  
Email: [ogcfoiaappeals@va.gov](mailto:ogcfoiaappeals@va.gov)

If you should choose to file an appeal, your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted no later than ninety (90) calendar days from the date of this letter. Please include a copy of this letter with your written appeal and clearly state why you disagree with the determinations set forth in this response.

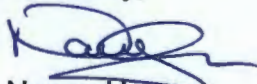
You may also seek assistance and/or dispute resolution services for any other aspect of your FOIA request, excluding the release determination, from VHA's FOIA Public Liaison and or Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) as provided below:

VHA FOIA Public Liaison:  
Email Address: [vhafioa2@va.gov](mailto:vhafioa2@va.gov)  
Phone Number: (877) 461-5038

Office of Government Information Services (OGIS)  
Email: [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov)  
Fax: (202) 741-5769  
Mailing address: Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road  
College Park, MD 20740-6001

Thank you for your interest in VA. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the VA Palo Alto Health Care System FOIA group at (650) 493-5000, extensions 69244 or via email [PALOALTOFOIA@va.gov](mailto:PALOALTOFOIA@va.gov)

Sincerely,



Nancy Ungson  
FOIA Officer

Enclosure